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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**PATENT**

In re application of: Gibson *et al.*

Application No.: 09/580,380

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Title: METHOD OF DETERMINING THE  
THREE-DIMENSIONAL SHAPE OF A  
MACROMOLECULE



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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT A**

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Please add the section U.S. GOVERNMENT RIGHTS. Under that section, please add the sentence -- This application was made in part with government support under contract numbers GM31497 and AI31254 awarded by the National Institutes of Health. The government has certain rights in the invention. --